

Elizabeth Schneider 82, of Clara City, died on Tuesday at Harlingen Medical Center, Harlingen, Texas. Services will be 11:00 am on Tuesday March 16, 2010 at Bunde Christian Reformed Church, with interment in the church cemetery. Friends may call on Monday from 5 until 7pm at the Church and 1 hour prior to services on Tuesday. Arrangements are with Harvey Anderson Funeral Home, Clara City Chapel.



Elizabeth Wilhelmina (Petersen) was born on December 10, 1927, in Clara City, Minnesota the daughter of Jacob and Theda (Fisher) Petersen. She grew up in the Clara City area where she attended her schooling.

On June 22, 1949 , Elizabeth was united in marriage to Derald Schneider at Bunde Christian Reformed Church. This union was blessed with seven children. They made their home on her family homestead and she and Derald cared for 79 foster children over the years. Elizabeth also worked for REM in Clara City for 8 years.

She was baptized and made her affirmation of faith and was a life time member of Bunde Christian Reformed Church. She had been active with the Ladies Aid.

Elizabeth was a member of a homemakers club and was active with the Heritage Hill near Montevideo.

Her family recalls her hobbies of crocheting, making many baby blankets and afghans to share with her children, grandchildren and friends. A special time for Elizabeth was the snuggles she received from her grandchildren. She was a wonderful cook and baker, always making sure there was plenty of food for all when they came to her house. One of Derald's favorite treats was Elizabeth's date cookies. While wintering in Texas, she would tie lap blankets and stuff animals for Toys for Tots, continuing to share her concern for children. The 4th of July was always a special time for the family when they would host a family reunion for both sides of the family at their lake cabin. The children hosted a celebration honoring their parents for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Surviving is her husband, Derald; children, Norman Schneider (and fiancée Laura Leese) Maynard, Cheryl (and Michael) Johnson, Montevideo, Wayne (and Jan) Schneider, Eden Prairie, Mark (and Carol) Schneider, Norwood Young America, Sheila (and Steve) Emery Montevideo, and Beth (and Lonnie) Finn, Clara City, 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren with her 12th grandchild born on March 11 2010, whom she was so looking forward to and their 5th great grandchild due in April. Also surviving is her sister, Wilma Schneider of Antioch, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant son David.